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	Examiner SALMAN AHMED	Art Unit 2419

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2009.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Claims 1-14 are rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-5, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 lines 3-4 state: *a packet memory management unit for assembling the first data into an Internet Protocol (IP) packet and loading the IP packet into a packet memory.*

While, line 11 states: *the IP packet trailer being read from the packet memory management unit.*

It is unclear, as to where exactly the trailer was being stored, and later retrieved. As can be seen from above that packet is being stored in a "packet memory" (see lines 3-4) while trailer is being retrieved from "packet memory management unit" (see line 11). Does the stored packet include "packet trailer" in lines 3-4? If so, is the "packet memory" and "packet memory management unit" being the same entity? Therefore, claim 1 is being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 2-5, 11 and 13 depend on independent claim 1 and are therefore rejected.

3. Claim 2 recites the limitation "the pointer of the IP packet header" in line 7.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Furthermore, Claim 2 lines 11-12 state: *transmitting the pointers of the IP packet trailer and the IP packet trailer to the header processing unit*. It is unclear as to why the limitation "IP packet trailer" being repeated. As such, claim 2 is being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the packet memory management unit" in line 8.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

5. Claims 7-10, 12 and 14 depend on claim 6 and are also thus rejected.

Claim 7 lines 7-8 state: *transmitting the pointers of the IP packet trailer and the IP packet trailer to the header processing unit*. It is unclear as to why the limitation "IP packet trailer" being repeated. As such, claim 7 is being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments see pages 8-12 of the Remarks section, filed 2/9/2009, with respect to the prior art rejections of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The prior art rejections of the claims have been withdrawn.

2. However, a new ground of rejections is presented in this office action. As such, any further response to Applicant's argument is moot.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SALMAN AHMED whose telephone number is (571)272-8307. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edan Orgad can be reached on (571) 272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Salman Ahmed/

Examiner, Art Unit 2419